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TO: HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: THE PAC

DATE: MAY 8, 2020

SUBJECT: PAC NEWS

NOW SHOWING – MAY 2020

All events scheduled in MAY at the PAC have been cancelled or postponed except:

May 21, Hardin County Schools Board of Education Meeting ***Please note: If social distancing rules for the COVID-19 Pandemic are still in place, the meeting will be held virtually rather than at the PAC.

The three area dance studios, **Dance Centre of Elizabethtown, Allegro Dance Theatre and Centre Stage Dance Studio**, who hold recitals at the PAC in May have cancelled their events with the hope of rescheduling if possible as soon as gathering restrictions due COVID 19 are lifted.



Following Governor Beshear's suggestion, the PAC has gone green to honor those Kentuckians who have lost their lives due to COVID 19.

The backstage is starting to look like a REAL backstage area! As the COVID 19 health crisis closed down schools and forced the PAC to go DARK, an opportunity to utilize the help of idled Hardin County School bus drivers materialized. Having this extra manpower enabled the PAC to get a fresh coat of paint on the backstage walls. This is something we have talked about doing for many years and

only with this unexpected “down time” and the help of our fellow HCS employees were we able to complete the task!



COMING SOON – JUNE 2020

June at the PAC usually means Youth Theatre of Hardin County (YTHC) rehearsals each weekday afternoon in preparation for their annual summer musical. Sadly, June 2020 means COVID 19 restrictions and the cancellation of YTHC's production of *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*. It has been postponed until summer 2021.



With this unexpected down time or what we in the theatre world call going “dark,” the PAC staff will be redirecting our efforts:

Bart plans on curating online resources for families and teachers, researching and enlisting preparedness measures to ensure a smooth transition for reopening, pursuing funding options, donors and grants and unearthing PAC history.

Aaron is busy participating in webinars on mic sanitizing and cleaning, learning new shortcuts on the light board and deep cleaning lighting instruments and equipment from the catwalks to the pit.

Diane will be working from home connecting with user groups and renters pursuing options to postpone or reschedule events, attending webinars and cleaning out old files.

Justin will be continuing to research and work with beta Virtual Events for possible use in the coming PAC 2020-2021 Season.

Ron will be busy waxing floors and keeping up with sanitizing mandates necessary for a PAC reopening.

[Continue to monitor our PAC To Go page for constant updates of available arts resources from around the country.](#)

IN REVIEW – APRIL 2020

All April events at the PAC were cancelled due to COVID 19.

Estimate of loss for those events affected by COVID19 School/PAC closure in April: **1,493 Students, 70 Adults and 2,525 Audience members.**

In an effort to provide live performing arts experiences to PAC audiences during this time of mass gathering restrictions due to COVID 19, on April 7th and 9th, the PAC hosted a FACEBOOK PREMIERE of their productions *The Novel Stage Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: A Study in Scarlet* and *The Sign of Four*. These productions were adapted for the stage by PAC Director, Bart Lovins and appeared on the PAC stage January of 2019 and 2020 respectively. Members of the cast, crew and new viewers from around the globe joined in interactive viewings complete with trivia games and prizes.

A Study in Scarlet Viewing on FACEBOOK was Tuesday April 7

Reach: Over 1,100

Minutes viewed: 3,100

Locations: Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, Illinois, California, Ohio, Texas, North Carolina

Top audience: Men

The Sign of Four Viewing on FACEBOOK was April 9

Reach: Over 800

Minutes viewed: 1,732

Locations: Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, Brazil, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Wales

Top audience: Women

In honor of the cancelled Volunteer Appreciation Banquet usually held in April, the PAC'ers shared the video below. We are so proud of our PAC Volunteers. **44 faithful folks worked 1,496 hours** ushering, set building, brochure mailing and any other "ing" we asked of them ensuring that PAC events go off without a hitch.

<https://youtu.be/fY1VB6ARGNA>

Sadly, the highly anticipated Missoula Children's Theatre's (MCT) annual residency had to be cancelled. We look forward to MCT's return next April. Until then, be sure to take advantage of [MCT's "Playdate."](#)

Why were the seats covered? Well, there is a bit of refurbishing happening on stage! All PAC seats were covered just before sanding began on the stage floor. The floor will be sealed and repainted and look just like new! It's been twenty years since this happened and we believe the floor is quite happy.

